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[9.24.010 – Purpose, intent and declaration](#) [1]

The purpose of this Chapter 9.24 is to limit Noise-Generating Activities, which when conducted at specific times of the day, may annoy, disturb, injure, or endanger the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others within the City. Noise-Generating Activity conducted in violation of the provisions of this Chapter 9.24 is hereby declared a public nuisance.

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([2008-M-77](#) [2]: § 1; [Prior code](#) [3]: § 28.032)

[9.24.020 – Noise-generating activities defined](#) [4]

The following activities are hereby declared “Noise-Generating Activities” and are subject to the provisions as set forth in this Chapter 9.24:

Noise-Generating Activity	Descriptions
Refuse Collection	The collection of any type of refuse, garbage, recyclable materials, landscape waste, hazardous waste, construction debris, or any other waste or debris.
Construction Activity	All types of construction activity, whether or not a building permit is required, and any related delivery of construction personnel, materials, tools or equipment.
Outdoor Maintenance Activity	Activities conducted outside or within a partially enclosed space, such as an open garage, that generate noise, including but not limited to: maintenance and repair of buildings, structures, lots, yards, landscaping, and vehicles or other mechanical equipment.
Truck Idling	The continuous running of engines or cooling units of a truck or semi-trailer while the vehicle is stationary.
Commercial Deliveries	The loading or unloading of products, materials, supplies or any other item from a truck or semi-trailer.
Amplified Sounds	Any stationary or portable electronic sound reproduction system utilizing loudspeakers including but not limited to: amplified live or recorded music; public address systems; systems used to communicate with customers in vehicles; horns and signal devices; sound produced by any machine or other device for amplification of the human voice, music or any other sound.

([2008-M-77](#) [2]: § 1; [Prior code](#) [3]: § 28.024)

[9.24.030 – Property classifications established](#) [5]

The designations set forth below shall classify all properties within the corporate limits of the City into a Property Classification for purposes of establishing regulation of Noise-Generating Activities:

Property Classifications	Descriptions
Mixed-Use	Property contained in the following areas: -CBD-1 Central Business Zoning District as designated on the Official Zoning Map contained in Title 21A, Chapter 21A.01 “Zoning”, as amended.
Residential	A property containing a residential dwelling unit, except for Mixed-Use Property, regardless of zoning classification.

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	classification.
Non-Residential	All property not designated as a Residential Property or Mixed-Use Property
Non-Residential adjacent to Residential	Any Non-Residential Property located a distance of 300 ft. or less from a Residential Property, measured the shortest distance from the property line of the Residential Property to the property line of the Non-Residential Property; except for Non-Residential Property which is entirely separated from a Residential Property by the following arterial streets: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Main Street2. Randall Road3. Kirk Road

([2008-M-77](#) [2]: § 1; [Prior code](#) [3]: § 27.701)

[9.24.040 – Application of noise standards](#) [6]

For purposes of this Chapter 9.24, a noise shall be determined to be “clearly audible” when noise generated by a Noise-Generating Activity can be heard and readily differentiated from any ambient noise in the vicinity, including noise generated by vehicle traffic. A noise that is “clearly audible” may be constant, recurrent, or intermittent.

Locations used to determine if a noise is “clearly audible”:

1. Property line: Noise shall be measured outside along the perimeter of the property, including within the public right-of-way adjacent to the property line.
2. Perimeter of the dwelling unit: Noise shall be measured inside or outside the building at a location adjacent to the unit, including common use hallways within the building.

([2008-M-77](#) [2]: § 1; [Prior code](#) [3]: § 27.703)

[9.24.050 – Applicability to streets](#) [7]

Provisions regulating Noise-Generating Activities on a property shall extend into all streets, including private streets and public rights-of-way, adjacent to said property. Where properties with different Property Classifications are adjacent to the same street, the provisions shall apply to only half of the street directly adjacent to the property.

([2008-M-77](#) [2]: § 1; [Prior code](#) [3]: § 27.702)

9.24.060 – Regulation for mixed-use property [8]

The restrictions set forth below shall apply to Mixed-Use Property as designated under Section 9.24.030, and any streets adjacent thereto:

Noise-Generating Activity	Time Activity Prohibited or Subject to a Noise Standard	Noise Standard
Refuse Collection	Prohibited from 10:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.	-
Construction Activity	Prohibited from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.	-
Outdoor Maintenance Activity	Prohibited from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.	-
Commercial Deliveries	Subject to Noise Standard from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.	Prohibited in streets. Shall not be clearly audible at the property line.
Amplified Sounds	Outdoors sources: Prohibited from 10:30 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. Indoor sources: Subject to Noise Standard from 10:30 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Shall not be clearly audible at the property line. For residential dwelling units: Shall not be clearly audible at the perimeter of the dwelling unit.

([2008-M-77](#) [2]: § 1; [Prior code](#) [3]: § 27.704)

9.24.070 – Regulation for residential property [9]

The restrictions set forth below shall apply to Residential Property as designated under Section 9.24.030, and any streets adjacent thereto:

Noise-Generating Activity	Time Activity Prohibited or Subject to a Noise Standard	Noise Standard
Refuse Collection	Prohibited from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.	-
Construction Activity	Prohibited from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.	-
Outdoor Maintenance Activity	Prohibited from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.	-
Amplified Sounds	Outdoor sources: Prohibited from 10:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. Indoor sources: Subject to noise standard from 10:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Single-Family Dwelling: Shall not be clearly audible at the property line. Multiple-Family Dwelling: Shall not be clearly audible at the perimeter of the

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		dwelling unit.

([2008-M-77](#) [2]: § 1; [Prior code](#) [3]: § 27.705)

9.24.080 – Regulation for non-residential property [10]

Noise-Generating Activities shall not be restricted on Non-Residential Property, except for Non-Residential Property Adjacent to Residential Property as set forth in Section 9.24.090.

([2008-M-77](#) [2]: § 1; [Prior code](#) [3]: § 27.706)

9.24.090 – Regulation for non-residential property adjacent to residential property [11]

The restrictions set forth in this section shall apply to Non-Residential Property adjacent to Residential Property, as defined in Section 9.24.030, and any streets adjacent thereto:

Noise-Generating Activity	Time Activity Prohibited or Subject to a Noise Standard	Noise Standard
Refuse Collection	Prohibited from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.	-
Construction Activity	Prohibited from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.	-
Outdoor Maintenance Activity	Subject to noise standard from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.	Prohibited in streets. Shall not be clearly audible at the perimeter of the property, measured at a location along the property line that is adjacent to a Residential Lot.
Commercial Deliveries	Subject to noise standard from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.	
Truck Idling	Subject to noise standard from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.	
Amplified Sounds	Outdoor sources: Prohibited from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Indoor sources: Subject to noise standard from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.	

([2008-M-77](#) [2]: § 1)

9.24.100 – Exemptions [12]

The activities set forth below shall be exempt from the provisions of this Chapter 9.24:

1. Activities conducted by any governmental entity.
2. Emergency building, infrastructure, or utility repairs in response to natural disasters, accidents, equipment or structural failures, or other public safety concerns.
3. Emergency noises, including: the operation of any emergency vehicle or apparatus and related radios, sirens, horns, and bells; cries for assistance, warning calls, or sirens used to alert persons of an emergency, danger, or crime; security and fire alarms.
4. Snow removal.
5. Noise generated by the use of a property which is specifically regulated by the provisions of Title 17, Chapter 17.20, as amended, when a specific standard regulating noise levels or hours of operation is contained therein, including but not limited to Temporary Outdoor Entertainment and Outdoor Dining, as defined in Title 17.
6. Any noise generated by locomotive engines and train cars.
7. Parades, fireworks, cultural events/activities, special events and other activities authorized by the City Council.

([2008-M-77](#) [2]: § 1)

9.24.110 – Noise regulated by other provisions of this Code [13]

Regulation of noise contained elsewhere in this code shall be separate from the provisions of this Chapter 9.24, including but not limited to provisions contained in Title 6, “Animals”; Title 10, “Vehicles and Traffic”; and Title 17, “Zoning”. In case of conflict with this Chapter, the most restrictive regulation shall control.

([2008-M-77](#) [2]: § 1)

9.24.120 – Noise-generating activity prohibited – penalty [14]

It shall be unlawful for any person to make or to continue, cause or to knowingly allow a Noise-Generating Activity, as defined in Section 9.24.020, in violation of this Chapter.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, any person violating any provisions of this Chapter 9.24 shall be subject to a fine not less than those established in the schedule set forth below and not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750):

Description of Violation	Minimum Fine Amount
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First violation in any 365 day period	\$ 50.00
Second violation in any 365 day period	\$200.00
Third violation in any 365 day period	\$300.00
Fourth violation in any 365 day period	\$400.00
Fifth and subsequent violations in any 365 day period	\$500.00

For purposes of this Chapter 9.24, and in determining the appropriate amount due hereunder:

1. Each day a violation occurs or continues shall be deemed a separate violation.
2. All violations of any provision of this Chapter 9.24 that are committed by the same person, or any firm controlled by such person, shall be deemed a separate violation, regardless of whether or not the violations occur at the same location.

([2008-M-77](#) [2]: § 1)

9.24.130 – Presumption of accountability [15]

The occupant or the agent of the occupant of the property, who shall knowingly permit another person to create a noise or conduct an activity in violation of this Chapter, shall be deemed responsible for the noise or activity to the same extent as the person creating the noise or conducting the activity and shall be subject to the same penalty.

Any person in charge of operating, ordering, directing or allowing the operation or maintenance of the motor vehicle, device, or machine creating a Noise-Generating Activity as prohibited in this Chapter, shall be deemed guilty of violating this chapter.

([2008-M-77](#) [2]: § 1)

9.24.140 – Legal remedies not impaired [16]

Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to impair, in any way, any cause of action or other legal or equitable remedy therefore of any person or the public for injury or damage arising from the emission or release into the atmosphere or ground from any source whatever of noise or earthshaking vibration in such place or manner or at such levels, so as to constitute a common law nuisance.

([2008-M-77](#) [2]: § 1)